

Subject: Re: The Westchester Landscape Entry Project
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Date: 11/22/2013 07:13 PM
To: Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org>
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I wonder if this experience points out a need to have special project teams of professional engineers available as on-call consultants to the City?

Just thinking about this...

On Fri, Nov 22, 2013 at 2:05 PM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:
You are correct, John. It's been as frustrating for us as it has been for anyone else too. We are doing/speaking to/meeting with everything and everyone possible to start this project as soon as we can.

-Nate

On Thu, Nov 21, 2013 at 8:17 PM, <jruhlen916@aol.com> wrote:
Sandra Mills,

Thank you for your email.

The information I submitted to you the last time I answered your enquiry about the Sepulveda Blvd. landscaping project was based on the information we were told by the Los Angeles Department of Engineering. This Department is totally in charge of this project. Originally we were told that the construction would start in March or April of 2013. We have sense them been given four of five starting dates. The last time we met with their staff we were told that the bids would go out in December 2013 with construction starting in March of April of 2014. We were told that the project would be completed by the end of 2014 or at the beginning of 2015.

We understand your frustration with the lack of progress with this project, but not as much as we are.

I have forward your email to the Councilman Mike Bonin office for their response.

John Ruhlen

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From: Sandra Mills <SMills@grancell-law.com>
To: John Ruhlen <jruhlen916@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Nov 21, 2013 11:28 am
Subject: RE: The Westchester Landscape Entry Project

Hello, I was under the impression, according to your last paragraph below, that the project was supposed to be completed by the end of this year or at the very least, removed the trunks that were left after killing those beautiful trees. Obviously that is not the case since it has been at least 6 months since Sepulveda has looked like the ghetto. What is going on here? I see every other area in the city having work "completed" and yet we are still awaiting for it to start. Please let me know and others who have voiced their concerned about this.

Sandra Mills



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From: John Ruhlen [<mailto:jruhlen916@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2013 5:37 PM
To: Sandra Mills
Subject: The Westchester Landscape Entry Project

Sandra,

Thank you for your email.

We appreciate your understanding that the Sepulveda Blvd. streetscape needed improving. The Westchester Streetscaape Improvement Association have been working on this project for a number of years and it is finally starting to get shape. This project is being accomplished in phases because funding is coming from various sources, which means that the completed project consist of a number of small project.

We have finished the west side of the street between 80th Street and 77th Street by removing the trees and their roots, repairing sidewalks and planting new trees.

The next phase is the area you have questions about. The funding for this segment is from a Federal great arranged by Congresswoman Maxine Waters. It has been in the City's hands for over three years. Working with Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office and the City's Bureau of Engineering the construction documents are nearing completion and we hope the construction will start soon.

The reason for the time laps from when the tree were cut down and the construction begins is that there is a moratorium on removing trees during the nesting season. We wanted the trees removed before

that season started. We are told that the construction will start during the nesting season and will be completed by the end of this year. The plans call for a meandering sidewalk, new trees and landscaping. We will be working with the property owners who live behind the back yard fences for their permission to paint all the fences one color and plant flowering vines in front of the fences.

The trees that will be planted are the same trees you see planted in the business district. This will provide consistency to Sepulveda Blvd. from Lincoln Blvd. at the south end to Howard Hughes Parkway on the north.

You are invited to our board meetings. They are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in attending next Wednesday, please let me know. I will send you the agenda.

Thank you again for your interest and for your inquiry.

John Ruhlen

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